GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BACKWARD DISTRICTS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed a Committee recently for identification of most backward and poor districts in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the said Committee has identified any such districts so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (d) A Committee (headed by the then Principal Advisor, Planning Commission) was constituted in 1997 to, inter-alia, identify the 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country.The broad parameters adopted by the Committee to analyze the causes of backwardness, included indicators of deprivation (poverty ratio) and social and economic infrastructure.The Committee identified 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. A list of these districts is given in the Statement attached.